(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) and (b) The scope of the Question is not clear. The levy of central excise is centralised in the sense that the rates of duty are fixed by the Central Government, but its collection is decentralised in the sense that it is collected through the field formations located at different places throughout the country. The net proceeds from central excise duties are shared between the Centre and the States. Some duties of excise are levied and collected by the State Governments.

There is no proposal to 'decentralise' the central excise duties.

Fall in Occupancy Rates of the I.T.D.C. Hotels

257. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that of late the occupancy rates of the ITDC hotels have fallen;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the tourist inflow has also gone down; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) Out of ITDC's 24 hotels, occupancy in 12 hotels has increased and in the remaining 12, it has decreased during the period April-June, 1984 as compared to the same period last year.

(b) and (c) While the number of tourists has not gone down in absolute terms, the growth rate in terms of percentage has declined from 17.6 per cent in April to 7 per cent in May and 4 per cent in June. This was mainly due to disturbed conditions in certain parts of the country.

Sick Textile Mills in Gujarat

258. SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that twenty four textile mills in Gujarat are sick;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the mills have sought financial assistance from the financial institutions;

(c) if so, whether any help has been rendered by the financial institutions; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government are contemplating to nationalise them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) to (c) The cases of 24 sick|closed mills in Gujarat have been referred to a group of officers constituted by the Government. The group of officers is examining the cases with a view to explore the possibility of rehabilitating those mills which are potentially viable. The group includes representatives of the financial institutions and the banks. In case of 13 of these mills, rehabilitation packages involving financial assistance by the financial institutions and banks have been worked out.

(d) Government are not contemplating to nationalise these mills at present.